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## Zambia

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens Exercise normal precautions in Zambia. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 3 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

EMER: +(260) (0) 211-357-000; US Embassy Lusaka, Eastern end of Kabulonga Road, Ibex Hill Road, Lusaka, Zambia; ACSLusaka@state.gov; <https://zm.usembassy.gov/>

### Telephone Code

260

### Local Emergency Phone

999

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

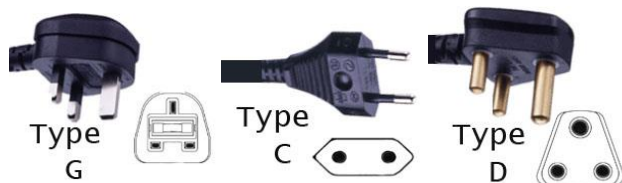
Tropical; modified by altitude; rainy season (October to April)

### Currency (Code)

Zambian kwacha (ZMK)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s) C , D, G



### Major Languages

Bemba, Nyanja, Tonga, Lozi, Chewa, Nsenga, Tumbuka, Lunda, Kaonde, Lala, Lamba, English

### Religions

Protestant 75.3%, Roman Catholic 20.2%, other 2.7% (includes Muslim Buddhist, Hindu, and Baha'i)

### Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

<b>Potable Water</b>	Opt for bottled water.
<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Left
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Victoria Falls; Devil's Pool; Zambezi River; Kafue National Park; Lusaka National Museum; Siavonga; Blue Lagoon National Park
<b>Major Sports</b>	Soccer, boxing, tennis
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Beckoning someone with one's index finger is considered very rude, as it is usually reserved for animals.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tip 10% in restaurants. Tip guides directly at the end of a tour \$5-10 (USD) per person per day.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:  
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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